

than \$33,000,000 and technical assistance to the Authority to be used for the development and construction of a Native American Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

(2) AGREEMENT.—To be eligible to receive a grant under paragraph (1), the appropriate official of the Authority shall—

(A) enter into a grant agreement with the Director which shall specify the duties of the Authority under this section, including provisions for continual maintenance of the Center by the Authority without the use of Federal funds; and

(B) demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Director, that the Authority has raised, or has commitments from private persons or State or local government agencies for, an amount that is equal to not less than 66 percent of the cost to the Authority of the activities to be carried out under the grant.

(3) LIMITATION.—The amount of any grant awarded under paragraph (1) shall not exceed 33 percent of the cost of the activities to be funded under the grant.

(4) IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION.—When calculating the cost share of the Authority under this Act, the Director shall reduce such cost share obligation by the fair market value of the approximately 300 acres of land donated by Oklahoma City for the Center, if such land is used for the Center.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—For the purposes of this Act:

(1) AUTHORITY.—The term “Authority” means the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority of Oklahoma, and agency of the State of Oklahoma.

(2) CENTER.—The term “Center” means the Native American Cultural Center and Museum authorized pursuant to this section.

(3) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means the Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to the Director to grant assistance under subsection (b)(1), \$8,250,000 for each of fiscal years 2003 through 2006.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that a fellow from the Commerce Department, Gabriel Adler, be given floor privileges for the remainder of this session of Congress.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATIONS DISCHARGED

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session and the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nomination: Nancy Bryson, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture, and that the nomination be confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination was considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Nancy Southard Bryson, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Finance Committee be discharged from further consideration of the nomination of Randal Quarles, to be Deputy Under Secretary of Treasury, and that the nomination also be confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination was considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Randal Quarles, of Utah, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I further ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of nominations numbered 658, 663, 664, 669, 737 through 757; that they be confirmed, that all above motions to reconsider be laid on the table, any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations were considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Kenneth Lawson, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Vickers B. Meadows, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Diane Leneghan Tomb, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Kenneth M. Donohue, Sr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

JoAnn Johnson, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2007.

Deborah Matz, of New York, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2005.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

J. Paul Gilman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

James R. Mahoney, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Daniel L. Cooper, of Pennsylvania, to be Under Secretary for Benefits of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

Robert H. Roswell, of Florida, to be Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs for a term of four years.

NOMINATION DISCHARGED

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of the following nomination: Victoria Lipnic, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor; that the nomination

be confirmed, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table; that any statements thereon be printed in the RECORD, the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; and the Senate return to legislative session, all without any intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nomination was considered and confirmed as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Victoria A. Lipnic, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate will now return to legislative session.

AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY RELIEF ACT OF 2001

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 186, S. 1499.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1499) to provide assistance to small business concerns adversely impacted by the terrorist attacks perpetrated against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 3076

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I understand Senators KERRY and BOND have a substitute amendment at the desk. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration, that the amendment be agreed to, and that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3076) was agreed to.

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under “Text of Amendments.”)

● Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would urge that there be no further delay, no further obstruction, and that the Senate act—at long last—to pass a bill that is very important to so many small businesses in this country crippled by the economic fall-out of September 11, including businesses that were already struggling before September 11 during the recession and are now faced with even more difficult prospects.

For months, tens of thousands of small businesses have been asking for help—an immediate helping hand—just to keep their businesses going—particularly working capital to meet payroll and pay the bills—but they have been forced to make ends meet by using credit cards and depleting personal savings because small businesses doesn't have the same access as big